Payment of Bonus to the Employees of ITDC Units

2185. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the formula adopted for payment of bonus to the employees attached to the ITDC headquarters is covered under the payment of Bonus Act, 1965 amended up-to-date and if so, the specific section under which the bonus is calculated, and if not covered under the provisions of payment of Bonus Act, 1965 amended up-to-date, the authority under which the bonus is paid to the employees; and

(b) whether the employees belonging to some of the units of ITDC are also demanding payment of bonus on the same formula as applicable to the employees of ITDC headquarters but the same has not been agreed to by the management of ITDC; if so what are the reasons for adopting different formulae for payment of bonus in different units of ITDC while ITDC is one corporation?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) The formula adopted for payment of bonus to the employees of ITDC Headquarters has been regulated by virtue of a Labour Settlement dated 27-10-1978 in accordance with the provisions as contained in clause 16 of the Payment of Bonus (Amendment) Ordinance 1977.

(b) The other Units of the Corporation are separate establishments within the meaning of Section 3 of the payment of Bonus Act, 1965 amended till date and as such their employees are paid bonus strictly in accordance with the provisions of the said Act and not in accordance with the above formula.

Complaints received for "Crime Against Women"

2186. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) since when "crime against women" cell is working in Delhi Police and how many complaints were received by it, till date;

(b) how many persons were prosecuted in courts and how many of them convicted; and

(c) what was the advice given to States/Union Territories to set up similar cells?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) This cell started functioning from November, 1985. It was earlier functioning as Anti-dowry Cell from January, 1983. Till 28-2-1987, the Cell had received 7859 complaints.

(b) From 1983 upto 28-2-1987, 187 persons were challaned and 5 out of them have been convicted.

(c) The State Governments/Union Territories have been advised to set up district advisory committees, with fair representation of women, to assist the investigation and prevention of crimes against women.

Charge sheet of Editor of Economic and Political Weekly

2187. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Editor of the Economic and Political Weekly was charge sheeted for something printed two years earlier and Urdu Weekly Nai Dunia's editor was arrested and jailed for an interview published

about a year ago and later on the arrest of Mid-day Editor was ordered;

(b) if so, under which law and for what charges these steps were taken; and

(c) what are the reasons for which reference to the Press Council was not made in each case to settle the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The Editor of Economic and Political Weekly has not been charge-sheeted. The Editor of Nai Dunia was arrested for a case filed under section 153-A and 153-B of IPC and Section 4(2) of Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1985. Similarly, no orders for the arrest of Editor of Mid-day were issued by Delhi Administration though a case has been registered against him under section 124-A of IPC and Section 4(2) of Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1985. Since action under law was contemplated, the question of reference to the Press Council did not arise.

Inquiry into the allegation against Lotteries organised by the Churhat Children's Welfare Society (M.P.)

2188. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the required information asked for in Starred Question 101 dated 24th July, 1986 about the Churhat Lottery affairs has since been laid on the Table of the House; and

(b) if so, what is the follow-up action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Private lotteries is a State subject coming entirely under the purview of the State Government.

Withdrawal of para-military forces from Punjab

2189. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab Police Director General has stated (Times of India dated 12th January, 1987) that para-military forces from Punjab could be withdrawn, if those, making this demand, came out in the open against terrorists; and

(b) whether Government had identified these elements in politicians, bureaucracy and public-men; if so, what Central advice has been given to the State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Government of Punjab have informed that the Director General of Police, Punjab, when questioned had made a statement to the press that the para-military forces could be withdrawn if those making the demand could come out in the open against the terrorists.

The State Government keeps watch on such elements.